

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Lord Reign in Me"

Greeting

Song

"We Will Take What You Offer"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Mercy, We Abide in You"

Summer Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Isaiah 55:10-13... For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 65:5-13... By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. ⁶ By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. ⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. ⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. ⁹ You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23... That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear,

then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“As Rain from the Clouds”

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Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

“We Are An Offering”

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

“We Shall Break Bread”

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“Go Out With Joy”

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, July 16th from 5 to 7:00pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be mac & cheese and cereal.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Save the Date** Sunday, September 20th is our annual Neighborhood Block Party. Many hands make easy work, watch for more details on how to help coming soon!
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet on Thursday, July 16th at 11:30 am at Charleston's at 7540 Dodge Street. All are welcome to join us. Please call Linda Kohrs at 402-690-3342 to make a reservation.
- ⇒ **Summer Choir** June through August come sing the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of each month. Come at 9:00 am and sing the same day at the Sunday service!
- ⇒ **Save the Date** August 7 to 9 will be our annual church camping trip at Carol Joy Holling. Watch the bulletin and Narthex for more information later in the summer. Questions now? See Kelley Kennedy.
- ⇒ **Backyard Vibes** Jim and Peg Schneider are hosting music in their backyard again this summer and everybody is invited! Local blues legend **Hector Anchondo** is playing **Sunday evening July 19 @ 6:30pm**. Over the years Hector has won several Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards for Outstanding Blues, Artist of the Year, and Album of the Year, and in 2020 he won the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. The Schneiders live at 9840 Louis Drive - hope to see you there!
- ⇒ **Heartland Pride!** Pride allows our community a chance to stand in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Stop by our booth at Youth pride on July 17, 2026, and/or show up to proclaim a message of LOVE with our faith community in the Heartland Pride Parade on July 18, 2026. [Click here](#) to register to march or scan the qr code here!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 12

9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting
Sr High Trip Ends

Monday, July 13

6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 pm Rachel Circle
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

11:30am Lunch Bunch
12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep
6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

Thursday, July 16

6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Food Pantry

Friday, July 17

Youth Pride
10:00am Sources of Humanity Cooking Class
1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, July 18

Pride Parade
11:00 am Baby Shower

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Worship

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Emalyn, granddaughter of Pat Butterfield; Kimberly Sobota, mother of Joel Irvin; Ethen & Gunner Fellers, friends of Emma & Geno Roberts; Madelyn Abbott, daughter of Heather Abbott; Meg Trowbridge, friend of Nicole Szymczak; Bobbi Valandra, sister of Jason Valandra; Arthur Oberwetter, father of Julie Leahy; Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; ; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.